

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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ABSENTEE & EARLY VOTING BEGINS FOR JUNE 7th SPECIAL ELECTION

Absentee ballots must be requested by May 31st

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters began mailing absentee ballots to voters in the Palo Alto Unified School District and San Jose City Council District 7 in preparation for the upcoming June 7th Special Election.

Voters in these districts who would like to receive an absentee ballot by mail must submit a written request to the Registrar of Voters' Office or complete. They may also complete an absentee application, which can be found on the cover of the sample ballot and online at www.sccvote.org.

Absentee requests must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31st.

Permanent Absentee Voting

Voters who enjoy the convenience of absentee voting can sign-up for a permanent absentee voting and automatically receive an absentee ballot every election. Permanent absentee voting is open to all registered voters, and applications are available from the Registrar of Voters' Office or online. Santa Clara County currently has over 167,000 permanent absentee voters.

Early Voters

Voters can also obtain and vote an absentee ballot in person during early voting at the Registrar of Voters' Office. Early voters can choose to vote on a paper absentee ballot or a touch screen voting machine. Early voting is a convenient, accessible option available to all eligible voters.

Early voting will be available during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday) from February 7th through Election Day. The Office will also be open for voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. The Registrar's Office is located at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose.

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Sample Ballots

The Registrar's Office has also begun mailing Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets. The Sample Ballots contain important nonpartisan information about the upcoming election, including their polling place locations. Voters are encouraged to read their sample ballots carefully and circle their choices prior to Election Day. Voters should also take their sample ballots with them to the polls. Following these simple steps will help make the voting process easier and faster.

Sample ballots will only be mailed to voters who registered before May 9th. Voters who register after that date will be sent a letter notifying them of their polling place location. Additional information about the election is available online at www.sccvote.org and the League of Women Voters' www.smartvoter.org.

For More Information

Voters can contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

Toll Free: (866) 430-VOTE [8683]
English: (408) 299-VOTE [8683]
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